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Sir:

Applicant has become aware of the prior art cited on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A. This prior art was cited in a European Search Report dated August 31, 2004 in the corresponding European Patent Application. Thus, each item of information listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of the prior art are included herewith. U.S. Patent No. 4,045,345 was marked as an "X" reference by the European Examiner and is indicated as being relevant with respect to the novelty of Claim 1. The other references have been marked as "A" references by the European Examiner meaning the Examiner considers them as showing only technological background. German

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Respectfully,

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